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In re the Application of: IKEMASU, et al.

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Examiner: WEISS

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For: INSULATION STRUCTURE FOR WIRING WHICH IS SUITABLE FOR SELF-
ALIGNED-CONTACT (As Amended)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: July 23, 2003

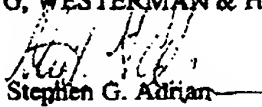
Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the
Office Action dated April 1, 2003 for one month from July 1, 2003 to August 1, 2003.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension
for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper,
please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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